

73911 and 73912—Continued.**73912.** *PARKIA* sp. Mimosaceae.

A tropical African ornamental tree, said to have white flowers.

73913 and 73914.

From Matania el Saff, Egypt. Seeds presented by Alfred Bircher, Middle Egypt Botanic Station. Received May 31, 1927.

73913. *ACACIA SCORPIOIDES* (L.) W. F. Wight (*A. arabica* Willd.). Mimosaceae.

A tropical African leguminous tree of variable size, with bipinnate foliage and heads of small white flowers. The pods are used in tanning.

73914. *CASUARINA FRASERIANA* Miquel. Casuarinaceae.A tall erect shrub or small tree closely related to *Casuarina distyla*, with leafless rigid branches and with the leaves represented by very small scales in whorls. Native to Australia.**73915 and 73916.**

From Tashkent, Turkestan. Seeds presented by Hilaria Rajkova, botanic garden. Received June 2, 1927.

73915. *EXOCHORDA KOROLKOWI* Lavall. Rosaceae. Turkestan pearbush.

A hardy upright slender-stemmed shrub up to 4 meters high, with racemes of white flowers 4 centimeters in diameter. Native to central Asia.

73916. *THERMOPSIS ALTERNIFOLIA* Regel and Schmalh. Fabaceae.

A hardy herbaceous yellow-flowered perennial, native to central Asia.

73917 to 73920. CAJANUS INDICUS Spreng. Fabaceae. Pigeon pea.

From Moca, Dominican Republic. Seeds presented by Dr. R. Ciferri, director, Estación Nacional Agronómica y Colegio de Agricultura. Received June 2, 1927.

Local varieties.

73917. *Todo el ano.* A small-seeded variety.**73918.** No. 3. **73920.** No. 1.**73919.** No. 2.**73921 and 73922.**

From West Africa. Seeds collected by David Fairchild, agricultural explorer, Bureau of Plant Industry, with the Allison V. Armour expedition. Received May 16, 1927.

73921. *BALANITES AEGYPTIACA* (L.) Delile. Zygophyllaceae.No. 1288. Obtained in the market at Dakar, Senegal, March 17, 1927. The *morotodi* of the Foulani people, which is sometimes called the "desert date." A handsome tropical evergreen shrub with fragrant flowers and fruits which resemble the "dry" date as it is sold on the market. The wood is very hard and is used for plowhandles. The bark is used for fish poison, the seeds for the oil contained in them, and the leaves are used as a vegetable.

For previous introduction see No. 50121.

73922. *BAUHINIA TOMENTOSA* L. Caesalpinaceae. St. Thomas tree.

No. 1286. Agricultural experiment station Aburi, Gold Coast, March 26, 1927. An erect tropical shrub with pale-yellow flowers.

For previous introduction see No. 66150.

73923. BUTIA ERIOSPATHA (Mart.) Beccari (*Cocos eriospatha* Mart.). Phoenicaceae.

From Soledad, Cienfuegos, Cuba. Seeds presented by Robert M. Grey, superintendent, Harvard Botanic Station. Received May 19, 1927.

A handsome pinnate-leaved palm with violet-colored stems, creamy flowers, and edible yellow fruits the size of a small plum. Native to Brazil.

For previous introduction see No. 45045.

73924 to 73942.

From West Africa. Seeds collected by David Fairchild, agricultural explorer, Bureau of Plant Industry, with the Allison V. Armour expedition. Received May 16, 1927.

73924. *CAJANUS INDICUS* Spreng. Fabaceae. Pigeon pea.

No. 1274. Fofota, near Kanakry, French Guinea, March 10, 1927.

73925. *CAPSIUM ANNUUM* L. Solanaceae. Red pepper.

No. 1284. February 27, 1927. A yellow variety obtained in the market at Akuse, near Akkra, Gold Coast.

73926 and 73927. *CARICA PAPAYA* L. Papayaceae. Papaya.**73926.** No. 1280. Botanic garden, Victoria, Cameroon, February 17, 1927. A variety with deep-salmon flesh of excellent quality.**73927.** No. 1281. Konakry, French Guinea, March 12, 1927. A selected strain, said to be excellent.**73928.** *CASSIA SIEBERIANA* DC. Caesalpinaceae.

No. 1259. Dalaba, Fouta Jalon, French Guinea, March 10, 1927. A handsome tropical tree with long racemes of large yellow flowers.

73929. *CLEMATIS GRANDIFLORA* DC. Ranunculaceae.

No. 1264. Mamou, Fouta Jalon, French Guinea, March 10, 1927. A delicate climbing ornamental shrub with large greenish white flowers which produce balls of seeds 2 or 3 inches in diameter.

73930. *COMBRETUM* sp. Combretaceae.

No. 1263. Mamou, Fouta Jalon, French Guinea, March 10, 1927. A large handsome tropical shrub.

73931. *COMBRETUM* sp. Combretaceae.

No. 1269. Dalaba, Fouta Jalon, French Guinea, March 10, 1927. An ornamental tropical woody climber producing long arching shoots covered with masses of deep-scarlet flowers which are arranged in cushionlike clusters.

73932. *CROTALARIA RETUSA* L. Fabaceae.

No. 1290. Near Dakar, Senegal, March 17, 1927. A yellow-flowered tropical annual legume. For previous introduction see No. 64061.

73933. *ELAeis GUINEENSIS* Jacq. Phoenicaceae. African oil palm. Seeds from the Gold Coast.**73934.** *ERYTHROPHLOEUM GUINEENSE* Don. Caesalpinaceae.

No. 1279. Near Mamou, Fouta Jalon, French Guinea, March 10, 1927. The "ordeal tree," so called because an infusion of the poisonous bark is used in many parts of Africa as an ordeal to test the guilt of a suspected person. It is also used as an arrow poison. This is a large handsome tropical tree up to 50 feet high, and the wood is very hard and durable.

For previous introduction see No. 48457.